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Come now Belo Broadcasting Corporation, The Hearst Corporation, Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Company and The E. W. Scripps Company, respondents herein, and, by their attorneys, submit the following joint statement:

Belo Broadcasting Corporation is the licensee of standard, FM, and television broadcast stations. A. H. Belo Corporation, the beneficial owner of Belo Broadcasting Corporation, is the publisher of daily news-

papers. Some of the broadcast stations licensed to Belo Broadcasting Corporation and the newspapers published by the A. H. Belo Corporation are "co-located."

Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Company is the licensee of standard, FM, and television broadcast stations. The E. W. Scripps Company, the majority stockholder of Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Company, has ownership interests in daily newspapers, some of which are "co-located" with the broadcast stations.

The Hearst Corporation is the licensee of standard, FM, and television broadcast stations, and the publisher of daily newspapers, some of them "co-located."

Each of the respondents was a party to the rulemaking proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission, which proceeding culminated in the *Second Report and Order,* 50 FCC 2d 1046, on reconsideration, 53 FCC 2d 589 (reproduced in the Federal Communications Commission's Appendix to its Petition for Writ of Certiorari, No. 76-1471, at pp. 61-158). Each was an intervenor in the proceeding to review the *Second Report and Order* in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. A panel of that court vacated a portion of the Federal Communications Commission's *Second Report and Order* and remanded the record for adoption of a rule in conformity with the court's opinion. *National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting, et al.* v. *Federal Communications Commission and United States of America, et al.,* No. 75-1064 (FCC App. 1-60). Simply stated, the court below reversed that portion of the FCC's *Second Report and Order* which declined, except in "egregious" cases, to ban cross-ownership of existing co-located broadcast stations and daily newspapers. Under the

court's decision below, respondents would be adversely affected.

Respondents support the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed April 22, 1977, by the Federal Communications Commission and, for the reasons expressed therein, respectfully urge this Court to issue such Writ.

Respectfully submitted,

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